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SUBJECT: ISRAELIS RECONSIDER ALLON VISIT TO MEXICO

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1. SUMMARY: ON JAN 26, ISRAELI EMBOFF VICTOR HAREL INFORMED US IN CONFIDENCE THAT THE GOI HAS RELUCTANTLY RECONSIDERED AND DECIDED TO RESCHEDULE FONMIN YIGAL ALLON'S VISIT TO MEXICO FOR MARCH OR APRIL. HAREL ADDED THAT VISIT STILL TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT OF DEBATE IN GOI, THEREBY CONFIRMING SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL B. SUBSEQUENT DEVELOPMENTS JAN 27, INCLUDING PRESS REPORTS FROM JERUSALEM INDICATING THAT THE VISIT IS INDEED SCHEDULED FOR MARCH AND A UNANIMOUS RECOMMENDATION BY THE PRESIDENTS OF 32 US JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS THAT THE TOURISM BOYCOTT OF MEXICO BE ENDED, HAVE INCREASED THE PROBABILITY THAT THE TWICE POSTPONED VISIT WILL ACTUALLY TAKE PLACE AS SCHEDULED. END SUMMARY.

2. IN EXPLAINING THE GOI REVERSAL OF AN EARLIER DECISION TO SHELVE ALLON VISIT (PARA 7 OF REF A), HAREL SAID THAT THE GOI ALL BUT DECIDED THAT DESPITE THE POLITICAL PROBLEMS THAT DIFFICULTIES IN BILATERAL RELATIONS HAVE CAUSED FOR ALLON IN ISRAEL, THE FONMIN CANNOT OMIT MEXICO FROM HIS ITINERARY DURING HIS FORTHCOMING TOUR IN LATIN AMERICA WITHOUT OFFEND-
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ING THE GOM AND THEREBY RISKING FURTHER DAMAGE TO BILATERAL

RELATIONS. IN ADDITION, HAREL NOTED THAT THERE HAVE BEEN RECENT INDICATIONS THAT THE GOM IS MAKING EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN CORDIAL RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL. FOR EXAMPLE, MEXICO HAS RECENTLY DECIDED TO PURCHASE SOME ISRAELI-MADE MILITARY AIRCRAFT SUITABLE FOR USE ON SHORT, RUGGED LANDING STRIPS ACCORDING TO HAREL. (COMMENT: HAREL IS APPARENTLY REFERRING TO ARAVA STOL AIRCRAFT. THE GOM PURCHASED 5 OF THEM IN 1974. END COMMENT). IN ADDITION, THE ISRAELIS FEEL THAT RECENT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE GOM (JAN 19 TO 25) TO MAP THE CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM FOR THE COMING YEAR WAS A MODEST SUCCESS.

3. HAREL ADDED THAT ONE POTENTIALLY TROUBLESOME PROBLEM, WHICH THE ISRAELI EMBASSY FORESAW, WAS THE POSSIBILITY THAT ECHEVERRIA MIGHT PRESS ALLON TO BRING AN END TO THE TOURISM BOYCOTT OF MEXICO BY AMERICAN AND CANADIAN JEWS, A FEAT WHICH HE SAID WAS BEYOND THE GOI'S POWER. ON THE GOI SIDE, HAREL SAID THAT HE THOUGHT THEY WOULD TRY TO OBTAIN LANDING RIGHTS FOR EL AL IN MEXICO CITY BUT THAT IT IS UNLIKELY THE GOM WILL AGREE TO THIS.

4. TWO SEPARATE BUT RELATED DEVELOPMENTS OCCURRED AFTER EMBOFF'S CONVERSATION WITH HAREL. PRESS REPORTS FROM JERUSALEM DATED JAN 27 SAY THE ALLON VISIT WILL DEFINITELY TAKE PLACE IN MARCH ACCORDING TO ISRAELI "POLITICAL CIRCLES." REPORTS FROM NEW YORK, ALSO DATED JAN 27, INDICATE RABBI ALEXANDER SCHNEIDER ANNOUNCED THAT A COUNCIL CONSISTING OF THE PRESIDENTS OF 32 US JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS HAD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO RECOMMEND THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY AND MEXICO "BE COMPLETELY NORMALIZED" AND THAT TOURISM BE RESUMED.
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